

THREE DIE IN WATER

One Is Attacked by Cramps While in Bathing.

ANOTHER FALLS FROM WHARF

Third Victim Is Colored Boy, Who Goes Overboard from Pier-Owens' Body Not Recovered from Eastern Branch, Back of the Reformatory, Richard Page, Asleep, Tumbles In.

Three people were drowned in the vicinity of Washington yesterday, one of them while in bathing, this being the first fatality reported among swimmers this season. Two of them were white men, the other was a colored boy, of Alexandria.

Richard Owens, twenty-four, living in Baltimore street, between Twentieth and Twenty-fifth streets Langdon, D. C., lost his life during the afternoon while in bathing near the new railroad bridge, in the Eastern Branch, back of the Reformatory School, in Bladensburg road. Owens' body had not been recovered last night.

In company with several companions, Owens went to the stream shortly after noon, to spend part of the day in the water. He was a fair swimmer, and had been in the water some time before the accident occurred.

Cramps Attack Owens. He was out some distance, when, it is believed, he was attacked with cramps. He made a faint outcry to his comrades, but before any one reached the drowning man, the body disappeared and did not come to the surface again.

The police of the Ninth precinct were notified, and later the tug Vigilant, of the harbor station, was dispatched to the scene. Members of the crew took the boat as near as possible to the place the body went down and made every endeavor to locate it. There is quite a current near where Owens went, and it is believed the body was carried farther along the stream. The search will be continued to-day.

While fishing off the Arsenal wharf, Richard Page, aged nineteen, living at 411 Hinton court southwest, went to sleep, fell into the water, and was drowned early yesterday morning. Two other boys, H. L. Clark, 499 O street southwest, and Windsor Taylor, of Hinton court, were with Page at the time, and gave the alarm. The trio, the police say, had been drinking.

Page's Body Recovered.

During the day Page's body was recovered. It was picked up by Paul Underwood, 33 McLean avenue southwest, and Charles Gross, of Clark's court southwest. The body was taken to the morgue. Later it was removed to the Page home.

Members of the crew of the tug Vigilant went to Alexandria last night, on the request of the authorities, to make an endeavor to locate the body of Charles Jackson, colored, who was drowned near Smead's wharf early in the evening. Jackson's body was found last night.

ELECTRIC CARS IN COLLISION.

Smash-up on the Alexandria Road Bruises Passengers.

Running fast toward Washington to put up for the night, what is known as the turning-in train on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway crashed into the rear of a passenger train on the same road at Four Mile Run, half way to the Capital, about 11:30 last night. No one was killed, but in the panic that followed the collision a number of the occupants of the passenger train jumped through the windows and were cut and bruised as the result of their fall. The list of those who suffered hurts was not divulged by the company last night, but it is known that among the injured was a woman who jumped through a window.

The passenger train, which was in charge of Motorman Welch and Conductor Amos, was just ready to leave the station at Four Mile Run when the following train struck it. The names of the motorman and conductor on the turning-in train could not be learned from the company, but it is known that they, as well as Welch and Amos, are new men who have been employed since the beginning of the trouble between the company and the men who were discharged for attempting to form a local union in Alexandria. It is claimed that it was because they were new men the accident occurred. It is stated also that the crew of the turning-in train only went to work yesterday.

The rear car of the passenger train was badly caved in and the iron work on the front platform was twisted out of shape. Notwithstanding this fact, the car was used to make the regular trip from Washington to Alexandria at 11:50 last night.

The smash-up resulted in a blockade of traffic for about half an hour.

GOUGH GAS LAW IN DANGER.

Company Admits Violation of Statute as It Now Stands.

New York, June 23.—The report of Special Master Arthur H. Masten, who was appointed by Judge Lacombe to take the testimony in the action brought by the Consolidated Gas Company to upset the 80-cent gas law as unconstitutional, was filed on Saturday afternoon after office hours, with Commissioner Shields, the clerk of the United States Circuit Court, and it will not be marked as filed until to-morrow. The accompanying testimony which, with the exhibits, fills fourteen volumes, was also filed with the clerk.

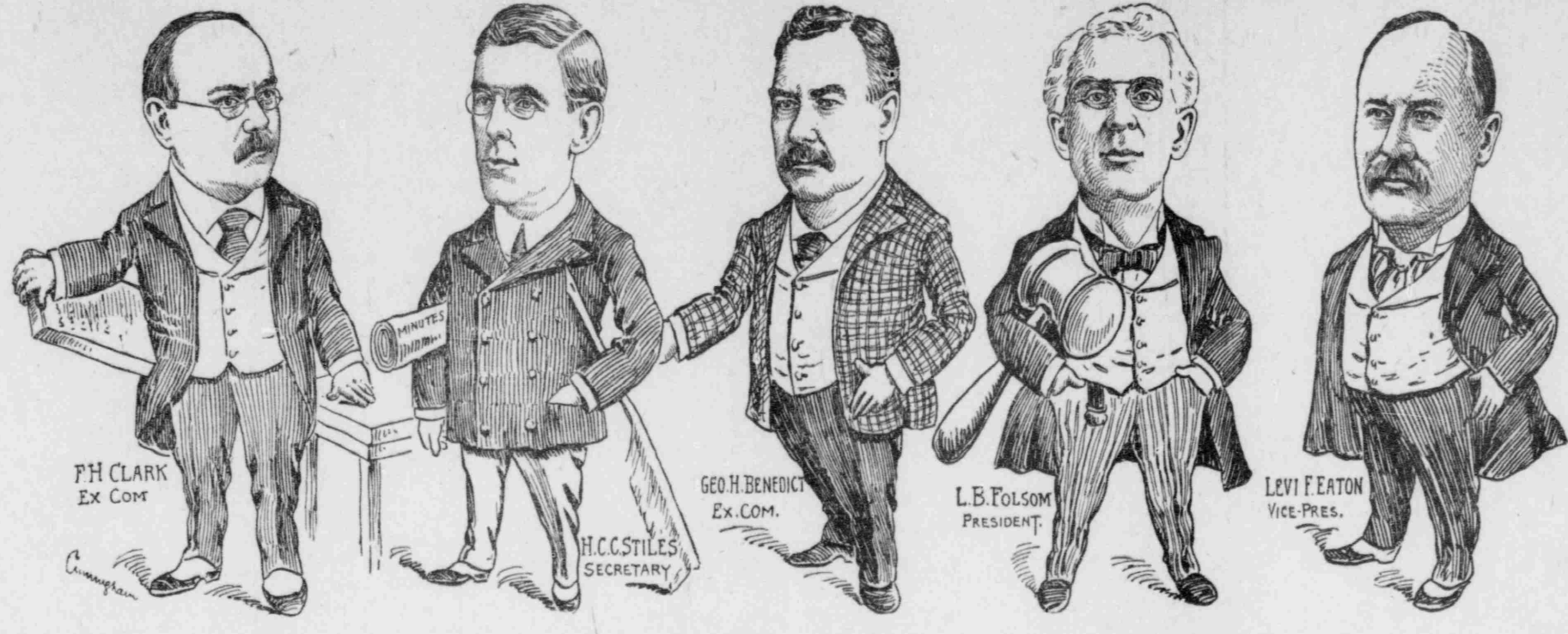
The suit involves the validity of the gas company franchise, as well as the maximum pressure law. There is a penalty of \$1,000 for each violation of this clause of the law, but the company makes no bones about admitting that the law is not obeyed, because it would be impossible to obey it and furnish gas.

SANTA FE DEFENDS ACTS.

Shows Why Money Is Given to Locate Big Industries.

Chicago, June 23.—Officials of the Santa Fe Railroad Company have presented to United States District Attorney Simms a complete report of all the work done by that company in the industrial lines for the last three years. The statement was given for the purpose of showing the government officers what that road had done and is offering to foster the location of industries along its lines and in building up unproductive territory.

WILL BE SEEN AT THE CONVENTION OF PHOTO-ENGRAVERS TO-DAY.



PLAY WAITING GAME

Administration Politicians Are in No Hurry.

THINK TAFT WILL GAIN

National Committee to Meet When Secretary Returns from the Philippines—Ohioan's Friends Will Fight to Keep Harry New in Office—Want Convention in Friendly Territory.

The administration forces are playing a waiting game of Presidential politics. The activity of candidates who do not wear the Roosevelt trademark does not alarm the politicians who are near to the President. Least of all does it disturb the Taft boomers. It is known that the administration managers have decided that they will not begin playing politics until the fall. Unless there is a change in the programme, they will then play Taft politics.

The Secretary of War may be back in time to see the first general charge ordered on the enemy's fortifications. He will be back in Washington from the Philippines in time for the meeting of the Republican National Committee in December, which will be the preliminary election for 1908.

His friends say he will return with the additional prestige of having personally directed the first efforts at self-government in the Philippines, and it is by no means certain that he may not play an important part in diplomatic negotiations with Japan.

May Oust Harry New.

The meeting of the national committee in December will be important in more ways than one in its bearing upon the struggle for the Republican nomination. It is likely that an attempt will be made by the anti-Roosevelt forces to capture the committee organization, oust the acting chairman, Harry S. New, and elect Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, or some other supposed anti-administration man. An attempt was made by the Fairbanks managers to unhorse New some months ago and place Scott in the saddle. It failed, however.

A petition was circulated by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, a pronounced anti-Roosevelt man, calling a meeting of the committee. Senators Heyburn and Scott and one other member of the national committee signed it. The purpose was to elect Senator Scott chairman of the committee. The failure to secure enough signatures discouraged Senator Heyburn, and after a conference between Vice President Fairbanks, Scott, and Heyburn, the petition was retired from circulation.

Warns Administration.

This incident served the purpose of putting the Roosevelt managers on their guard, and attention has since been directed to the work of lining up the national committee. John G. Capers, of South Carolina, member who has been co-operating with the anti-administration party, was brought into line with the temporary appointment as Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Pearl Wight, of Louisiana, will succeed Capers in December.

If the Roosevelt managers dominate the committee, New will be continued as chairman and the convention will be located in a city where anti-Roosevelt sentiment will not be demonstrative in the press and among the holders of convention tickets. It will also mean that the temporary organization, an important matter, will be effected by the President's friends. This carries with it the right to make the keynote speech and is important in other respects.

Complaints in the Past.

There have been complaints in the past that Republican conventions have been handicapped in their work by the attitude of the local press and by local political sentiment. In the convention of 1904, the friends of Gen. Benjamin Harrison were so irritated over the pro-Gresham tone of the Chicago press that Gen. John C. New, the Harrison manager, printed special editions of the Indianapolis Journal and rushed them to Chicago on a special train. In order, as he maintained, that his candidate might have a fair hearing through the press.

The President's friends are determined to guard against locating the convention in a hostile community. The national committee has much to do with credentials in the makeup of the preliminary lists of delegates. In many ways it will have an important bearing on the result. It may be said that the only important work being done by the administration managers just now relating to the convention of 1908 affects the control of the national committee, and the managers would not be surprised if

OPEN SESSION TO-DAY

Photo-engravers Here for Annual Convention.

MANY TOPICS TO CONSIDER

Election of Officers Will Be Held To-morrow—Joint Banquet Arranged with National Electrotypers' Association—Delegates Will Go from This City to Jamestown.

President Sure of Taft.

President Roosevelt's latest private utterances before he left Washington indicated that he still desired that Secretary Taft be nominated, and was confident that the latter would win. He intimated that the administration forces would hardly get busy before autumn, but that something would be doing before the leaves began to fall.

Gen. James S. Clarkson, who may play an important part for the administration, particularly in the South, was here last week in conference with Secretary Cortelyou. He expressed the opinion, based upon a long political experience, that the early boom generally "died a-borning," and observed that next year would be early enough to begin work.

BYARD WYMAN CHOSEN.

Michigan Man to Be Superintendent of Post-Office Appointments.

Byard Wyman, of Michigan, has been selected to fill the office of superintendent of postmasters' appointments, a place created by Congress at the last session, and paying a salary of \$3,000 a year. The new officer will have jurisdiction over work that was formerly assigned to three divisions, namely, the divisions of appointments, bonds, and correspondence.

Mr. Wyman was named for the office by First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of the George Washington University, of this city. He is a lawyer. He has been in the government service several years.

FREED; MUST BE TRIED AGAIN

Two Men Acquitted of Murder Are Charged with Robbery.

Turned Loose First Time Because "Third Degree" of Police Produced Confession.

Charles Evans and Harry O'Connell, who escaped conviction on a charge of murder about two months ago because of the attempt to introduce a written confession which had been obtained from them by the application of the so-called "third degree" by the police, will be placed on trial some time this week on an indictment charging them with highway robbery.

On the night of February 1, 1906, Martin Halloran was found unconscious at the corner of Ohio avenue and Thirteenth street. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where it was found that his skull had been fractured. He died three days later. The police suspected Evans and O'Connell as the perpetrators of the crime because they had been seen in the neighborhood where Halloran was found. They were arrested. While in custody both men, it was alleged, made a written confession, signed by both, in which they admitted assaulting the man, who was partly under the influence of liquor, for the purpose of robbery. The only booty they secured, however, consisted of a long pair of shoes, which they took from the unconscious man, and they also relieved him of his hat. The shoes were found in the possession of one of the men when arrested. They constituted the only evidence by which the police connected the men with the assault. When subjected to the potentialities of the "third degree," however, Evans and O'Connell confessed.

When placed on trial, upon motion of their counsel, Attorney Taylor, Justice Barnard ruled out the confession on the ground that it had been obtained under duress. He directed the jury to acquit the men on the ground that the government had not produced sufficient evidence to connect the men with the killing. It was alleged that Halloran had been struck on the head with a bill of wood, producing a fracture of the skull.

At the time the grand jury indicted the men for murder it also returned an indictment charging them with highway robbery, and it is upon this that the men will have to stand trial, probably on Wednesday.

ENDS LIFE BY HARA KIRI.

Havana Merchant Tries to Sew Up Wound, But Effort Fails.

Havana, June 23.—It has been established that William Alexander, of the hardware firm of Knight & Wall, who was found dead in his room yesterday, committed suicide, although the motive for his act is not known. Medical works were by his bedside, and it is thought that he studied anatomy before he killed himself. Why he cut open his abdomen, and then attempted to sew up the wound, cannot be explained, unless it was because he lost his nerve after the act.

Body of Lost Balloonist Found.

London, June 23.—The assumption that Lieut. Caulfield and Leake, of the Royal Engineers, who made a balloon ascension from Aldershot on May 30, and were not afterward heard of, but were drowned, is verified by the finding of Lieut. Caulfield's body off Wyke Regis.

Fire Sweeps Attica, N. Y.

Buffalo, June 23.—Fire broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the town of Attica, and spread until 7 o'clock. The fire was confined to the block of buildings in which it broke out. The loss is about \$150,000. There was no loss of life. Half the business section was wiped out.

RECORD RUSH AT THE G. P. O.

Three Shifts Necessary to Keep Up with Work.

Public Printer Charles A. Stillings, in speaking recently of the demand for compositions at the Government Printing Office, stated yesterday: "The pressure upon the mechanical forces of the Government Printing Office at the close of this fiscal year is nearly as heavy, if not more so, than it was and has been in any other previous period of like nature, not excepting the tremendous pressure during the last two weeks in June of 1906, when Congress was in session. For several weeks it has been necessary to work some of the divisions of the Printing Office overtime in order to complete the work started during the working hours of the day, where it has been impracticable to assign other men to the completion of tasks started by the day force."

"At the present time the departments are pressing for the completion of work on or before Saturday, June 23, and in order to obviate any extraordinary and unavoidable violation of the eight-hour law, intermediate and night forces will be created."

"New systems being installed in the office will enable the officials charged with the management of the various divisions to better record their work and to regulate the demands made upon the office from departments in such a manner as to enable the steady employment of the three forces, day, intermediate and night—and thereby obviate the necessity (except in rare cases) of violating the eight-hour law."

"An hour's delay at one of the departments caused by the holding up of copy for final consideration, or for any other reason, puts an added burden upon the Government Printing Office."

KANSAS LAUGHS AT WILSON

State Agriculturist Has Fun with the Secretary.

"Turkey Red" Wheat Cause of Trouble—Call-down Grates on Official's Nerves.

War is on between James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, and F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas board of agriculture. Kansas is greatly interested in the outcome. When the rest of the country hears about the conflict, it, too, will sit up and take notice.

Two years ago Secretary Wilson put Kansas in the class of "arid" States. Kansas got wildly excited over this aspersions on her fertility, and Secretary Coburn promptly issued a pamphlet, showing that Kansas produced more stuff than Iowa, the home of Mr. Wilson.

These jabs at Iowa hurt Mr. Wilson. He is on the trail of Coburn. It is said that he intends to show that Coburn isn't such a leading agricultural expert. According to the story told here, agents of the Agricultural Department are watching everything Coburn does, and will report to the Secretary.

Shortly after Secretary Wilson charged that Kansas was an arid State, he was invited there to make a speech. Just before his visit he had a verbal set-back with Coburn. Secretary Wilson struck Kansas in the midst of a wet spell. He had to use boats to keep a number of his speaking engagements. Coburn gave the Kansas newspapers the tip and they printed cartoons of Secretary Wilson doing "arid" Kansas in a steam launch. Secretary Wilson bade Kansas farewell at Topeka. Coburn was at the depot. As Secretary Wilson's train pulled out, Coburn bade him good-by, and then asked: "Kansas is an arid State, is it?"

When the green bug was devastating the Kansas wheat fields recently, Secretary Wilson, out of the goodness of his heart, decided to give the Kansas farmers some advice as to how to beat the "greenie" in the future. He wrote a letter to Coburn, and asked that it be printed in the Kansas papers. As he pursued the official document from the Department of Agriculture, Coburn's eyes lighted up with a gleam of triumph.

Secretary Wilson advised farmers to plant turkey red wheat. He said that in 1897 he made some experiments and found that turkey red spread out and withstood the ravages of bugs better than any other variety. Coburn printed the Wilson letter all right. He saw to it that it was given the widest sort of publicity. Then he got out a statement himself, showing that for the last twenty years Kansas had produced practically no other kind of wheat but turkey red.

Millers and wheat growers all over the country began to poke fun at "Farmer" Wilson for making experiments in 1897 with turkey red wheat, which Kansas had grown successfully and almost exclusively for a decade before.

For the Federal Agricultural Department to be held up ten years behind the times grated on Mr. Wilson's nerves. In fact, it was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Down in bleeding Kansas the crowd is with Coburn.

District Turnout at Wilmington.

Special to The Washington Herald. Wilmington, Del., June 23.—The district turnout, under the auspices of the Wilmington Turnmenkenned, opened to-day in this city, and Wilmington is practically in the hands of German athletes from New York, Philadelphia, and different cities of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Four hundred visitors are here. The field events will be held to-morrow and Tuesday.

Famous Hockey Player Killed.

Ottawa, Ontario, June 23.—Hod Stuart, of Ottawa, a world famous hockey player, who was with Pittsburgh for some time, met with a sensational death to-day. He was at Belleville, Ontario, swimming, and, getting on a lighthouse pier, dived in water only two feet deep. His skull was fractured and he died in a short time. He leaves a wife and children. The body will be brought home to once.

Evangelist's Wife Near Death.

Warsaw, Ind., June 23.—Mrs. J. Wilbur Chapman, wife of the well-known evangelist, is near death. Hope for her recovery has been abandoned.

HOT SPELL TO QUIT

Before Going It Will Give Three More Warm Days.

TO-DAY MAY BREAK RECORDS

Desperate Efforts of Washingtonians to Look Pleasant—Distressing Effect on Church Congregations—On the River and in the Parks in the Cool Breezes of the Evening.

To those who have led themselves to believe that the last three days have been burners, the latest announcement of the Weather Bureau will come like a coup de grace.

To-day is to be the hottest day of all. And to-morrow and the day after will also bring their full quota of pleasant little sunbeams and climbing thermometers. That is, unless it rains, and the chances of such a contingency are regarded as slim by the local expert.

There may be one or two local showers, he says, of the brief summer variety, which will cool things for a moment, but there will be a golden lining to every cloud and perspiration will start afresh. The hot spell is going westward, which means that the conditions here are settled for a time, so that at least a week of warm weather is expected.

Yesterday was comparatively cool. At the Weather Bureau the highest point reached by the thermometer was 85 and a fraction, but at Adelphi's, where the creamy asphalt lends a furnace-like atmosphere, the mercury jumped a few pegs higher. An accommodating little breeze helped things considerably during the day, with the exception of a few moments about 12 o'clock, when even the smallest twigs were motionless.

Too Hot for Church.

That was just as the churchgoers were going home, and it was with great relief that most of them entered their cool houses and deposited their prayer books and parasols on the nearest table. There were lots of persons who did not go to church yesterday, and many a sermon was preached to sparsely filled pews.

And many a palm-leaf fan was waved during the services, not to speak of the dainty, though less comforting, ones of black jet and the scented and bespangled implements of tortoise-shell and morocco. Handkerchiefs were also in demand, and many a dignified deacon, discomfited by the consciousness of a wilted collar, sat with the useful white linen appendage about his neck.

Lots of people said it was too hot to eat yesterday, but others disagreed with them, and from the number of ice-cream wagons and the size of the freezers, the latter party were in the majority.

Stay in Their Homes.

In the afternoon there were not as many picnickers and excursionists as might have been expected. Most people stayed at home in comfortable negligence, preferring to wait until the evening to make their calls and ride off to the places of attraction.

Even the Zoo was lacking the charms which usually attract hundreds of children, and although a number of persons peered through the barred gates, the hot walks and dust seemed to keep many away. The river was well dotted with boats later in the evening, and many a silent canoe drifted under the Aqueduct and on past the Three Sisters after the sun had set.

The parks about the city were also crowded with people, and the little children, who have the benches to themselves during the week, were comparatively surprised at the grown-up usurpers. The Chesapeake Beach road was liberally patronized with those who were tempted by the thought of a salt-water bath, while small boys took off their clothes and plunged into the waters of the river, the canal, and every other available place.

But a majority of Washingtonians just sat and fanned, and many of them wished that spring had been a bit later, and summer somewhat different.

CUBANS LOOK TO TAFT.

Government Awaits Secretary's Action Regarding Church Property.

Havana, June 23.—The government is awaiting Secretary Taft's decision regarding the purchase of the church property. There is great interest in the decision, which must be reached by July 1, as the churches refuse to extend the option beyond that date. The property consists of two pieces, including a large site on the water front, which is used for custom-house purposes, and some ground on Santiago.

Gen. Wood contracted to buy the property during the first American intervention at a price approximating \$2,000,000. The government leased it for five years, with the right to purchase at the end of that period. The time limit expired a year ago, and was extended for six months, with the right of an additional extension for the same period, which the government took advantage of in February.

Mr. Taft directed that the property be purchased, but a strong opposition developed, and Mr. Taft suspended his order pending an investigation. The principal contention of the opposition is that the property is not worth the price fixed. Gov. Magoun has investigated the two pieces here, and it is believed that Mr. Taft will order their purchase and direct that an investigation be made of the Santiago property.

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HARDEN RENEWS HIS CHARGES.

Editor Dares "Knights of the Round Table" to Sue Him for Libel.

Berlin, June 23.—Maximilian Harden, editor of the Zukunft, who exposed the scandal that has infuriated the Kaiser and shocked all Germany, is plainly anxious to correct the impressions made by his testimony before an examining magistrate at Charlottenburg. As was exhibited then, Harden's statements to the crown prosecutor were regarded as a practical retraction of his charges against Prince Philip zu Eulenberg, Count Cuno von Moltke, and the other "knights of the round table" a pseudo retraction on which Eulenberg, Moltke, and the others involved would gladly seize and let the subject drop.

Harden denies having made any retraction, and himself turns challenger, boldly announcing: "Whoever declares he sees in my disposition a desire to retract or retract either has not earnestly studied the facts or willfully distorts the truth against his better judgement."

"What I said about the Eulenberg coterie, especially about its princely head, I maintain without the least doubt, and I shall maintain before a bench of judges."

"If any one believes he sees in this declaration a criminal libel, it is not too late for him to move against me."

DIED.

COLE—On Sunday, June 23, at 12:30 p. m., after a lingering illness, EDITH, beloved and youngest daughter of Norman H. and Elizabeth Cole, aged twenty-four years one month and six days.

Funeral from her parents' residence, 734 Twelfth street southeast, on Tuesday, June 25, at 2 p. m. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited. (Allentown papers please copy.)

BLACK—On Saturday, June 23, 1907, Capt. GEORGE W. BLACK, beloved husband of Mrs. Kate Black and father of George W. Black, Jr., died at his residence, 1010 14th St. n.w. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

DUFFIELD—On Saturday afternoon, June 22, 1907, at his residence, 1533 G street, Gen. WILLIAM W. DUFFIELD.

Interment at Arlington Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, June 25. (Detroit papers please copy.)

FAUNCE—Suddenly, on Thursday, June 21, 1907, at his residence, 413 K street n.e., Mrs. IRMA L. FAUNCE, beloved wife of Leonard C. Faunce and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barry.

Funeral from her late residence, 614 Eighth street southwest, on Monday, June 24, 11 a.m. Mass of requiem will be solemnized at Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Fourteenth street and Park road, at 10 a. m.

FITZGERALD—On Friday, June 21, 1907, DAVID A. FITZGERALD, son of the late David and Johanna Fitzgerald.

Funeral on Tuesday, June 25, from his late residence, 413 K street n.e., at 9:30 a. m. Mass at St. Alary's Church. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

JENKINS—On Saturday, June 22, 1907, at 5:40 a. m., at her residence, 660 Park road, Miss B. C. JENKINS.

Funeral services on Monday, June 24, at 9 a. m. Interment at Baltimore, Md. Please omit flowers. (Cincinnati, Newport News, Va.; Philadelphia, and Baltimore papers please copy.)

MCKENNEY—On Saturday, June 22, 1907, at 6:24 a. m., Mrs. MORGAN, the beloved husband of Rose McKenney.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, 28 B street northwest, on Tuesday, June 25, at 10 a. m.; thence to St. Martin's Church, where requiem mass will be said for the repose of his soul. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

PLUMMER—On Friday, June 22, 1907, at 1:1 a. m., at her residence, 1015 Nineteenth street northwest, after a long and painful illness, which also bore with Christian fortitude, MARY PLUMMER.

Funeral from St. Augustine's Church, on Monday, June 24, at 10 a. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

SPARE—On Friday afternoon, June 21, 1907, at 3:40 o'clock, WILLIS R. SPARE, beloved husband of Virginia Long Spare.

Funeral from his late residence, 940 F street northwest, at 2 p. m. Monday, June 24, 1907.

VOGEL—On Friday, June 21, 1907, at her residence, 188 Sixth street northwest, ROSINA M. VOGEL, widow of Jacob Vogel.

Funeral from her late residence, on Monday, June 24, at 2 p. m.; thence to Zion Lutheran Church. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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